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File photo

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&BS)- The prestige of many hangs in the balance as the Lok Sabha elections approach, with political parties, particularly Congress, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) alliance, strategically manoeuvring to outwit each other in the old Mysuru region.

With women voters outnumbering men, the focus lies on securing the faith of these crucial voters, whose unwavering support could make or break the fortunes of candidates in the running. As Congress and BJP-JD(S) alliance engage in a head-to-head battle ahead of polling in this region on Apr. 26, both parties are vying to win over women Self-Help Groups (SHGs), a significant chunk of voters who have the potential to sway others towards a particular party or candidate.

Mysuru district comprises 11 Assembly Constituencies with a total of 27.42 lakh voters (27,42,108), including 13.5 lakh (13,50,840) male and 13.91 lakh (13,91,043) female voters. However, only Krishnaraja, Chamaraja, Narasimharaja, Chamundeshwari, Hunsur and Periyapatna Assembly Constituencies fall under Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency.

(See WOMEN on page 6)

BJP Mahila Morcha members climb Chamundi Hill footsteps

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&DM)- Praying for the victory of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, the BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency, over 500 members of the City BJP Mahila Morcha ascended the steps of Chamundi Hill this morning and offered prayers to the presiding deity.

Launching the campaign at the foot of Chamundi Hill, former MLA S.A. Ramdas commended the efforts of the BJP Mahila Morcha for conducting prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari atop the hill for Yaduveer's electoral success.

Highlighting the campaign's theme, 'Varava Kode Chamundi, Varava Kode,' Ramdas expressed optimism about Yaduveer's prospects in LS polls. He noted that the BJP had already conducted 2-3 rounds of campaigning across various parts of the Constituency and expressed confidence in Krishnaraja Assembly segment delivering the maximum support for Yaduveer.

Ramdas urged voters to cast their ballots for Yaduveer to bolster Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Upon reaching the hilltop, Morcha members offered special prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari at the Chamundeshwari Temple, seeking Yaduveer's victory.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra, District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, former Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, BJP Mahila Morcha Convenor Hema Nandeesh, leaders Cable Mahesh, Giridhar and others were present.

Campaign reaches feverish pitch; windfall profits for private buses

No takers for KSRTC buses due to rules, regulations and accountability

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (Akshay & BCT)- Private bus owners are currently experiencing a surge in demand for vehicles, driven by the Lok Sabha poll campaigning frenzy.

An estimated 500 private buses including 50-seater and 21-seaters have been commissioned to shuttle people to various political rallies in regions including Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar.

Private bus owners from Mysuru, Kodagu, Tumakuru, Srirangapatna-Pandavapura belt and even Bengaluru are capitalising on this demand. In Mysuru alone, there are over 300 private tourist buses, alongside those operating on regular routes.

Private buses dropping off people to an election rally in Hunsur recently.

However, the KSRTC is facing challenges in finding any takers for its buses due to stringent regulations, meticulous accounting practices and a high level of accountability.

KSRTC Mysuru Divisional Controller (DC) G. Srinivas explained to *Star of Mysore* that those interested in hiring a KSRTC bus must adhere to specific regulations. These rules stipulate that the bus must cover a minimum distance of 350 kms.

(See CAMPAIGN on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 21st April 2024

JSS Dental College conducts oral health screening and educational camp

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (KS)- JSS Dental College and Hospital, as part of World Autism Day, conducted a oral health screening and educational camp at Aashiana - Institute for Special Children at Udayagiri, in city recently.

The Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry of JSS Dental College and Hospital (JSS DCH), under the theme Special Smiles - Extension of Oral Care Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs and Medically Compromised Conditions, conducted camp.

The event commenced with a prayer by the students of the Aashiana Institute.

The camp was led by Dr. H.P. Chanchala and Dr. Raghavendra Shanbhog. JSS DCH Principal Dr. M.R. Dhakshaini presided.

The resource faculty were Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics Dr. N. Rashmi, Professor and HoD of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry Dr. B. Nandlal, Professor at the Department of Anatomy Dr. Deepa Bhat, Reader Dr. Raghavendra Shanbhog and Lecturer Dr. H.P. Chanchala.

The camp emphasised on educating parents to maintain their children's oral health, giving importance to diet and dental caries and an insight was provided on over usage of mobile phones and its risks in young children.

The programme also provided an overview on the role of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of Autism. Significance of the modes of prevention and early intervention was delivered in the session.

The camp was supported by the Interns Dr. Sahana Patil, Dr. Samyuka Gowda and Dr. Sara.

Indoco Warren Pharmaceuticals distributed paediatric toothpaste and oral hygiene kits.

Masuma Vagh, President of the Institute and others were present on the occasion. All students were screened and provided with oral hygiene kits.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Mahavir strongly emphasised the importance of free will (the freedom from external influences such as fate) as a core principle of his philosophy. While he did state that life is a combination of *"niyati"* ***(fate) and*** *"purusharth"* ***(action based on free will),*** *"niyati"* ***is always a result of previous*** *karma,* ***that is,*** *"purusharth."* ***An atheist, Mahavir preached the supremacy of the*** *"Atma"* ***(the self) in determining one's life. Thus, the*** *Atma* ***was his*** *"Paramatma"* ***(the supreme). Not in the nihilistic sense of denying God, but in a way that transformed existentialism from a deterministic world controlled by Gods, demigods, benevolent and malevolent entities requiring appeasement.***

Mahavir declares that only the one who accepts that it is, in fact, him who is the master of his own destiny, is a true follower of his principles of *"Atmavad"* ***(belief in souls characteristic of consciousness and supreme potential). While worshipping Mahavir, devotees declare*** *"Icchami Khamasamano."* ***Oh Lord! I bow to you out of my own desire to do so.***

On this Mahavir Jayanti, let us all act with the awareness that within lies infinite potential for superhuman endeavours and relieve ourselves from the vicious cycle of *"pramad"* ***(inaction) in our lives.*** *—Rushil Khajanchi in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gun store counts a cow among its employees

Maine: A gun store in Maine is drawing in customers with more than just its selection of firearms - it counts a pet cow as among its employees.

Adam Hendsbee, owner of A&G Shooting in Fairfield, said the miniature zebu calf, named Kade, took an unusual route to becoming the store's goodwill ambassador.

Hendsbee said Kade displayed so much personality while being nursed back to health that he decided to bring the bovine to the store.

"Didn't plan on having a cow but now we have a cow so what do you do with a cow? You treat it like a dog and you bring it to work," he said.

Kade has become something of a local celebrity, drawing customers to the store. Hendsbee said Kade loves getting pats and posing for photos with customers.

Man drinks at 120 bars in 24 hours

Sydney: A 69-year-old retiree visited 120 pubs to order drinks in 24 hours, breaking a Guinness World Record.

David Clarkson, who was born in Britain but has lived in Australia for over 40 years, started his attempt with a drink at the Captain Cook Hotel in Sydney.

Clarkson walked to 119 more establishments over the course of the following 24 hours, ordering a drink at each stop.

Guinness World Records Adjudicator Pete Fairbairn joined Clarkson for the first four and final four hours of his attempt. Other witnesses accompanied Clarkson during the middle period of his pub crawl, collecting evidence for Fairbairn to review at the end of the day.

Clarkson's attempt came to an end at the Sussex Garden Bar, where Fairbairn certified his record.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Kidney stones can affect any parts of your urinary tract from kidneys to your bladder.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P., Consultant – Urology & Andrology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Wheelchair, stretcher, walkers provided to needy people

On occasion of Mahaveer Jayanti, Sri Mahaveer Divya Jyothi Mahila Mandal, Mysuru, provided wheelchair, stretcher, walkers and other materials to needy people of Mysuru and surrounding places. On this occasion, Jago India Organisation Chairman Chetan, Mysore Pinjarapole Joint Secretary Ramesh Jain, Mahaveer Divya Jyothi Group President Padma Vasanth Jain, Secretary Sadhana Jain, Fancy Jain, Geeta Jain, Indira Jain, Latha Jain, Varsha Jain, Pushpa Jain and JITO Chief Secretary Goutam Salecha and others were present.

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Preetham: *Then what did they say?*
Prem: *They gifted me with an atlas !*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Crime against Seniors: Need active patrolling

Sir,

This has reference to the news item titled ***"Fake accident trap: Senior citizen targeted again and again"*** in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* where an 80-year-old gentleman recently fell victim to robbery twice in the span of a month in a rather unconventional manner.

On both occasions, he was followed by someone on a scooter, accused of causing an accident and then forcibly coerced into handing over money while being intimidated.

No matter how much we prepare ourselves to respond calmly to such situations, the reality is that panic inevitably sets in when confronted by these aggressive and intimidating individuals. It appears that these criminals lurk on the streets, targeting senior citizens who drive carefully and slowly, making them easy prey for robbery.

While I understand that it is challenging for the Police to apprehend every criminal and address every crime, it is disheartening to witness our city becoming increasingly hostile towards senior citizens.

I implore the Police and the authorities concerned to devise effective measures to apprehend these criminals. Increasing the number of CCTVs on main roads could be one solution, along with more frequent patrolling. The Police manual may offer innovative solutions that I may not have considered.

Please refrain from suggesting that senior citizens should simply be more cautious. They already exercise caution, but the city administrators should strive to provide an environment where they can feel safe and free from the burden of excessive vigilance.

—R. Sudarshana
Kalidasa Road
20.4.2024

Congress will not secure more than 50 seats in LS: B.Y. Vijayendra

"Party came to power in State promising guarantees; will face consequences if they are scrapped"

State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra launched the door-to-door campaign at Booth Numbers 232 and 233 on Bidaram Krishnappa Road under Chamaraja Assembly segment in city this morning. BJP City President L. Nagendra and others are seen.

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BLU&VNS)- State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra has issued a stern warning to the Congress-led State Government regarding the potential repercussions of halting guarantee schemes.

Addressing media representatives at Hotel President here this morning, prior to launching door-to-door campaign and taking part in the Kayaka Samavesha at Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Vijayendra emphasised that the Congress party assumed power with a promise of implementing guarantee schemes. He underscored that discontinuing these schemes would inevitably lead to public discontent, considering the electorate's support for the party.

Highlighting the alleged neglect of developmental initiatives by the Congress-led State Government, the BJP State President questioned whether any funds had been allocated for developmental projects.

Responding to Neha's murder in Hubballi, Vijayendra criticised what he deemed as irresponsible remarks by Ministers, underscoring the gravity of the situation. He condemned the alleged appeasement of a specific community by the Congress Government.

Vijayendra further flayed Ministers for issuing insensitive statements. He concluded by asserting that such actions were contributing to public perception labelling the current State Government as a 'Taliban-style Government'.

Responding to inquiries regarding Neha's photographs circulating widely on social media, Vijayendra sarcastically remarked on the Congress party's capability for such demeaning tactics. Taking a swipe at CM Siddaramaiah, the BJP State President remarked, "Siddaramaiah, who portrays himself as a champion of Backward Communities, has prioritised appeasing the Minority community while neglecting the interests of the Backward Classes. The Congress party will face repercussions not only in the imminent Lok Sabha elections but also in the foreseeable future."

Vijayendra also expressed strong disapproval of Congress leaders staging empty tumbler protests during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Bengaluru. Following LS polls, Congress will find itself with no recourse but to resort to such symbolic gestures, he said.

"The advertisements sponsored by Congress hold little relevance, as the people of the State have unequivocally chosen to support PM Modi. The promises made by Congress will remain unfulfilled, as they are unlikely to attain power at the Centre, with projections indicating the party won't secure more than 50 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls," he asserted.

Industry-Institute collaboration event at JSS Science and Technology University

Uday Devanagundy, Associate Director for Software Development, Microchip Technology Inc, Austin, USA, delivering a talk at JSS STU.

Mysuru, Apr. 21- Uday Devanagundy, Associate Director for Software Development, Microchip Technology Inc, Austin, USA, recently visited JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU).

Uday, an alumnus of SJCE, Mysuru, has an expertise in memory design and data transmission and he also owns US patents to his credit. He is associated with JSS University and shared a few projects on memory design to faculty and students. These projects were successfully completed and published as research articles.

Uday had discussion with University authorities and faculty members for possible collaboration in the area of semiconductor design with JSS STU.

After delivering a talk on 'How to shape careers for industry and entrepreneurship,' he had a discussion with students on industry based projects.

Dr. A.N. Santhosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, assured that JSS STU is always open for industry interaction and skill development events of students and faculty.

Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU, shared the initiatives taken up by JSS University for Industry Academia interaction events at international level.

Dr. B. Manoj Kumar, Dean Academics, Dr. B.S. Harish, Deputy Registrar of JSS STU, Dr. M.S. Mallikarjunaswamy, Associate Professor and mentor of collaborative projects, Dr. K. Umarani, Head of Electronics and Instrumentation, Dr. K. Shailaja, Professor and Dr. N. Sheela, Coordinator of the event, were present.

NaMo Bharat event tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 21- NaMo Brigade 2.0, Mysuru, has organised NaMo Bharat programme at Rangamandira in Dasara Exhibition Grounds at 6.30 pm tomorrow (Apr. 22). Noted orator Chakravarty Sulibele will be the main speaker.

For details, contact Mob: 97431-53156 or 99025-95318.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Competitive exam

KSOU Competitive Exams Training Centre, Mysuru, has organised a 50-day training camp for those appearing for KAS and other competitive exams. For registration visit the Centre in city between 10 am and 4.30 pm before Apr. 30. [Ph: 0821-2515944]

Aananda-Aarogya

Dixit Aarogya Dhama, Mysuru, has organised Full Moon Day Special Programme Aananda-Aarogya at its premises in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage on Apr. 23 at 6 pm. Vid. M.S. Deepak will present a Ramanama Taanaanuranana Concert with Vidu. S.A. Divyashree on violin and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on tabla. Dr. C.S. Anil Kumar will talk on 'Hesarallenide?!'. For details, contact: Ph: 0821-2511619.

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KKR Vs **RCB**
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PBKS Vs **GT**
PCA New Stadium,
Mullanpur — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 22)

RR Vs **MI**
Sawai Mansingh Stadium,
Jaipur — **7.30 pm**

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Yaduveer, GTD, Kaveesh hold roadshow in Chamundeshwari

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BLU&DM)- With just three days left for public campaigning for the LS polls, Mysuru-Kodagu BJP candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar intensified his campaign by holding roadshows in several villages coming under Chamundeshwari Assembly segment on Saturday.

Yaduveer accompanied by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, began his campaign at Nagavala and subsequently held road shows at Manikyapura, Madahalli, Beerihundi, Jattihundi, Ganigarahundi, Nanjarayanahundi, Nagarthahalli, Lingambudipalya, Ramabainagar, Kotehundi, Hootagalli, Koorgalli etc.,

This apart, Yaduveer campaigned at Kamarahalli, Doddamaragowdanahalli (DMG Halli), Shettanayakanahalli, Kumarabeedu, K. Hemmanahalli, Sahukarhundi, Mooganahundi, Yedahalli, Gurur, Mahadevapura, Hinkal and Belavadi, during which he was joined by a host of BJP and JD(S) workers.

Addressing the crowds at villages, Yaduveer retorted to the Congress charge that he (Yaduveer) would not come out of the Palace, recalling that the erstwhile Mysuru Maharajas were always in the midst of the people. "Just like my ancestors, I too will be among the people. I believe that serving you is a blessing for me. I appeal the electorate not to pay heed to falsehood and support me in the polls", he said.

Highlighting the achievements of PM Modi in the last 10 years, Yaduveer assured that he would do his best for comprehensive development of the Constituency.

Stressing on the need for re-electing PM Modi, he reiterated his appeal to the people for casting their votes in his favour as his election would further strengthen the hands of the PM in building a 'Shrestha Bharat'.

BJP leader V. Kaveesh Gowda and others took part in the campaign.

'Congress backing communal forces'

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&VNS)- The State is witnessing drastic increase in the crime rate as the communal forces have the backing of Congress led State Government, said BJP State Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh, here yesterday.

Addressing the press persons at the BJP City office in Chamaraja Mohalla, Mahesh said the incidents of crime had increased in the State ever since the Congress had come to power and the Government has no control over the Law and Order situation.

"Communal forces, working as a part of Congress Party's Tool Kit, have been targeting the Hindu community which is evident in the Neha murder case. The Congress Government has never been able to control the anti-social elements," he alleged.

Citing the example of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's approach towards anti-social elements, Mahesh said while the UP Government has taken a bulldozer approach to curb the crime rates, Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar have a soft corner towards communal forces which has led to the increase in crime rate in the State.

BJP City Spokesperson M. Mohan, Media Convenor Mahesh Raje Urs were present at the media briefing.

Guarantee cards distributed during poll campaign

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&TRR)- Mysuru District Congress Guarantee Schemes Monitoring Committee President S. Arun Kumar led the campaign of party workers at Yelwal in the city on Friday. They visited every house, distributed the Guarantee Cards and sought votes for party candidate in Lok Sabha polls M. Lakshmana.

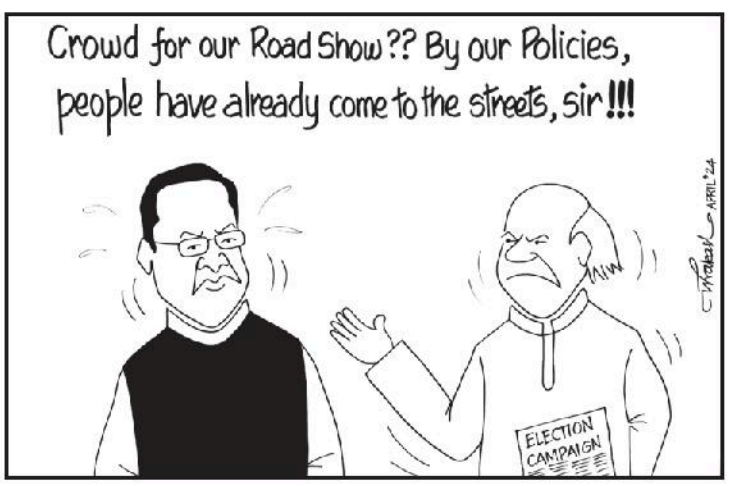
Speaking during the campaign, Arun Kumar said that the State Congress Government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has implemented all its 5 guarantees within 9 months of assuming power which has benefited crores of beneficiaries.

BJP Government at the Centre has lost confidence of the people by spreading lies and not doing any development works, he alleged adding that Congress party is going to win more seats in the Lok Sabha elections. Hence, elect Congress candidate Lakshmana in large number, he appealed to the voters.

Congress leaders K.S. Karigowda, Pasha, Ramu, Ravi, Shivamma, Chikkacheluva and Rattanahalli Mahadev were present.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



TiE Mysuru confers Lifetime Achievement Awards on city entrepreneurs

- **Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works and Dr. Alok Gupta of Glowtronics Pvt. Ltd. honoured**
- **Padma Shri Dr. Arunachalam Muruganantham of 'Padman' fame and a social entrepreneur shares his success story**

Noted entrepreneurs of Mysuru city — Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi and Dr. Alok Gupta — who were conferred with Life Achievement Awards by TiE Mysuru during the curtain raiser event of upcoming TiE Global Summit-2024 held at a private hotel in city on Saturday, are seen with TiE Mysuru Chairman Mahesh Rao and Board Members.

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MK&BS)- Life Achievement Awards were conferred on noted entrepreneurs of the city — Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works and Dr. Alok Gupta of Glowtronics Pvt. Ltd. — during the curtain raiser event of upcoming TiE Global Summit-2024 in the city on Saturday.

Padma Shri Dr. Arunachalam Muruganantham of 'Padman' fame and a social entrepreneur conferred the awards at Le Ruchi The Prince hotel on Hunsur Road in the city.

Earlier, Muruganantham, who inaugurated the curtain raiser event, said: "India is a country replete with issues that can be witnessed at every step taken by the individual. Every Indian should make efforts to find solutions to each of the social issue plaguing the country."

European nations are devoid of social issues and hence those countrymen have no experience of facing the issues. However, in India, every step is filled with social issues and the Indians who are living amidst them should find solutions to those problems, said Muruganantham.

He advised the youths to come forward to set up new business that can do value addition to the society, which makes sustainable development possible, along with finding solutions to social issues plaguing the country. We should create a market at thickly populated rural areas which guarantees success.

Recalling his success story of inventing low-cost sanitary pad manufacturing machine, a first of its kind in the world, Muruganantham said: "90 percent of women in the country won't use sanitary pad. It is really a big issue for Britains, but not so among Indians as there are examples of using newspaper, leaf, sand and ash during monthly menstruation."

"Owing to uncertainty in life, I had to cut short my studies for ninth grade and work as a helper at a welding shop in Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. The issues my wife was facing during menstruation led to the invention of the new machine backed by constant efforts. The Multi-National Companies (MNCs) were selling the pads at Rs. 60 apiece. It triggers a question — why so much price for using 10-gram cotton to make the pad? The inability to afford the price kept the women from economically poor families away from using sanitary pad," said Muruganantham explaining the drive behind his achievement.

A prototype of the machine that can manufacture best quality sanitary pad was designed using four machines. It came under appreciation by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, followed by an award. The crave for invention made a helper at a welding shop like me to find solution to the key issue of the country.

"I made the low-cost sanitary pad with quality possible using a machine designed for Rs. 65,000 against the MNCs which were using the machine worth Rs. 3.5 crore. I took up the initiative of supplying the pads to women's organisations and Self-Help Groups (SHG) on my own which bore results. Now, several lakhs of people have found employment with the machine I invented and many women have become independent," said Muruganantham.

> **"I have manufactured many such low-cost sanitary pad making machines priced at Rs. 80,000 and distributed through Jayaashree Industries so that even other women and organisations should benefit from my invention. The machine is being used in the country and also abroad."**
>
> — Arunachalam Muruganantham, Social Entrepreneur

A panel discussion on the topic 'Mysore to the World' was also organised, where Raghavendra Pai, Founder, Sri Vedavyasa Yoga Foundation, Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Founder, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre and R.G. Singh, Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana, took part in the interaction. It was moderated by Rakesh Babu, Associate Member, TiE Mysuru.

Another topic was 'Mysore Startups - Building for Bharat' and the panellists were Dr. Chaitra Narayan, Founder of Codagu Agritech, Vinay Babu, Founder, Briezi Insuretech Pvt. Ltd. and Adarsh Sudhindra, Founder, enhanzED. It was moderated by Adarsh Ramesh, Associate Member, TiE Mysuru.

TiE Mysuru Chairman Mahesh Rao, Board Members Pavan Ranga, Ajit Pai, Nagarajan, Srinivasan, Bhaskar Kalale and Executive Director Mahesh Kattal were present.

Mahaveer Jayanti celebrated in city

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY &VNS)- Members of various Jain Associations jointly celebrated Mahaveer Jayanti by taking out a procession in city this morning.

The procession of Bhagwan Mahaveer statue, which began from Sumathinatha Temple in Halladakeri, passed through Ashoka Road before culminating in front the Silver Jubiliee Clock Tower in front of the Town Hall.

As the procession passed through Ashoka Road, the shop owners were seen distributing water, buttermilk and juice to the community members.

Meanwhile, the District Administration had also organised Mahaveer Jayanti celebrations at Suchitra Art Gallery at Kalamandira premises.

Jain community members and officials offered floral tributes to the portrait of Bhagwan Mahaveer. The celebrations were held in a low scale as the Model Code of Conduct is in effect in the wake of Lok Sabha polls.

Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Suresh Jain and others were present on the occasion.

H.Y. Sharada Prasad birth centenary commemorative talk

Acquisition of material wealth has become 'be-all and end-all' of life: Krishna Prasad

Senior journalist Krishna Prasad addressing the gathering during a talk organised as part of H.Y. Sharada Prasad's birth centenary by Devagitam Charitable Trust at Ganabharathi on Adichunchangiri Road in Kuvempunagar this morning. Picture right shows a section of the audience.

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (GA&DM)- Senior Journalist Krishnaprasad regretted that in today's world, the acquisition of material wealth has become the be-all and end-all of life and luxury articles are the yardsticks by which lives and careers are judged.

He was delivering H.Y. Sharada Prasad birth centenary commemorative talk on the topic "Journalism in the time of fake news, Propaganda and Mass delusion", organised by Devagitam Charitable Trust at Ganabharathi on Adichunchangiri Road in Kuvempunagar this morning.

Pointing out that journalism was the bookend of Sharada Prasad's career at its start and at its finish, Krishna Prasad said that Sharada Prasad wrote columns for Deccan Chronicle in the evening of his life in the 1990's.

Delving on how politics, big business and technology are rewiring the minds of citizens and distorting democracies around the world, he said "Sharada Prasad, a man who served under three Prime Ministers as Media Advisor- Indira Gandhi, Morarji Desai and Rajiv Gandhi, moved to his son's modest home in Janakpuri, Delhi, after retiring from work. That is the medal of the man we are honouring here today", he said.

Recalling Sharada Prasad's simplicity, Krishna Prasad said "When Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister, Sharada Prasad got a call late in the night asking him to rush to the PMO. But Prasad said he did not have a car to come to the PMO at that hour. Subsequently, a car was sent to pick him up. Contrast that with today's upstarts who drive luxury cars after a year or two in the business".

"We salute this craft of journalism even while offering a lament to those holding the flame against the onslaught of fake news, propaganda and mass delusion", he added.

Noting that most people do not know that Sharada Prasad had served Mahatma Gandhi before he became an aide to Indira Gandhi, he said that Sharada Prasad was a Gandhian and therefore this is a really great time to remember him.

Prof. C.N. Srinath, Director, Dhvanyaloka, Mysuru, presided.

Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, Maj. Gen. (retd.,) S.G. Vombatkere, Ashwini Ranjan, Ravi Joshi and others were present on the occasion.

LS Polls: Women are kingmakers

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The remaining Constituencies — Varuna, T. Narasipur (SC reserved), Nanjangud (SC reserved) and H.D. Kote (ST Reserved) Assembly Constituencies — come under the Chamarajanagar (SC Reserved) Lok Sabha Constituency. K.R. Nagar Assembly segment is the sole Constituency in Mysuru district falling under the Mandya LS seat.

However, focusing on the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat, which also includes two Assembly segments of Kodagu district — Madikeri and Virajpet — there are a total of 20,92,222 voters, comprising 10,26,324 male, 10,65,714 female and 184 belonging to the third gender.

In previous general elections, it has been observed that women voters have emerged as kingmakers, with their unwavering support capable of deciding the winning potential of any candidate. Political parties are thus making concerted efforts to attract a large number of women voters.

Mysuru district boasts over 10,500 Stree Shakti Sanghas, women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and dedicated women's organisations that are actively involved in various activities. Among these, approximately 1,500 groups are belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) alone. In Kodagu district, the estimated number of Stree Shakti and SHGs ranges from 3,500 to 4,000.

Additionally, several other SHGs are operating under the guidance of organisations such as the Organisation for Development of People (ODP) and the Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP). Together, Mysuru and Kodagu districts host around 18,000 such women's organisations.

During the previous Lok Sabha elections held in 2019, Mysuru district witnessed a voter turnout of 70 percent, with male voters constituting 71.8 percent and women 69 percent of the total turnout.

Now, the district-level Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee is working diligently to increase the voter turnout percentage. As part of their efforts, SVEEP is conducting voter awareness campaigns primarily focusing on workplaces, both in private and public enterprises, garment factories and other places where women form the majority of the workforce.

Every vote we cast holds immense value

"Every citizen of the country holds an equal right in the Indian democratic system, without any room for discrimination, as envisaged by our Constitution. Whether a monarch or a labourer, rich or poor, all are entitled to exercise one vote of equal value. We should seize this opportunity and elect our representative. This election plays a significant role in bringing the grievances of the State to the Centre and influencing its development."

"With the onset of summer vacation for school children, parents often prefer to go on tours, paying scant regard to voting. Every vote we cast holds immense value, a fact not all are aware of. We must vote in this election and exercise our Constitutional right. Elections are like festivals of the country, and by voting, we also create awareness among our children."

— Prema Bodhi, social activist

"The only way to prove that I am a citizen of this country with Constitutionally empowered rights is through voting. I am casting my vote in this Lok Sabha polls. My Vote is My Right, and by casting it in favour of a better candidate, I will be entitled to enjoy all the privileges of this country."

"With a general holiday declared on the day of voting, people should not forget to vote, as it determines the security of the country. Voting is the right and duty of all, which should be exercised without fail."

— K.R. Sowmya, social activist

Flags atop 2,925 polling booths to attract voters

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra inaugurated a three-day programme aimed at flag hoisting with the slogan "Namma Nade Mathagatteya Kade" (our path leads to polling booth) across polling stations in the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency. The initiative aims to encourage a higher voter turnout on polling day which falls on Apr. 26.

Addressing the gathering at Jnanaganga School in Kuvempunagar this morning, Dr. Rajendra, also the District Electoral Officer (DEO), stated, "Flags will be raised at all 2,925 polling stations within the Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency. Polling officers will visit each booth under their jurisdiction to raise awareness. Participation in the election is crucial for a democratic system, often hailed as the greatest festival of democracy."

To ensure a seamless voting experience, essential amenities such as drinking water and restroom facilities are being provided at the polling stations. Additionally, wheelchair accessibility is arranged for elderly and physically disabled voters.

With a queue management app, separate lines for voters are being arranged to minimise disruption. Additionally, polling stations with over three booths will feature a dedicated voter assistance booth for convenience.

Highlighting the importance of voter awareness, the DC stressed that this duty extends beyond government officers; it's crucial for young individuals and the public to actively promote voting's significance and encourage participation in their communities.

K.M. Gayathri, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zilla Panchayat and Chairman of the District Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee, administered the oath to the gathering.

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu, Election Ambassador Tanishka Murthy, para-athlete M. Mahendra and other district-level officers were present.

'Excessive focus on guarantees obliterating welfare, law and order'

BJP holds Kayaka Samavesha; seeks support for NDA candidates; blames Congress for lawlessness

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BLU&VNS)- Upping the ante against the Congress Government, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra said that the law and order situation in Karnataka has worsened.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the 'Kayaka Samavesha,' a convention organized by the BJP for Madivala, Vishwakarma, Nekara, Ganiga, and other micro-communities at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds, this morning Vijayendra emphasised that the Congress Government's exclusive focus on the so-called 'guarantee schemes' has led to neglect of the overall welfare of the State.

"The worsening law and order situation has eroded public confidence, particularly among mothers concerned about the safety of their daughters, with daylight murders and abuse of women becoming common. The Congress's apparent appeasement of the minority community has contributed to a surge in criminal activities. Despite public outcry over such incidents, CM Siddaramaiah's response has been disappointingly lackadaisical," he remarked.

Asserting that the BJP offered the sole solution to address prevailing issues and to secure a promising future for the nation, Vijayendra urged the public to throw their support behind party candidates Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar for the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency and S. Balaraj for the Chamarajanagar (SC) seat.

Speaking at the event, BJP OBC Morcha State President Raghu Kautilya asserted that the Congress Government had misled the populace with freebies, ultimately leading to economic hardships. He underscored Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to the welfare of all communities, including micro-communities, through various welfare initiatives. Kautilya implored members of the communities attending the convention to rally behind the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha Polls.

Krishnaraja MLA Srivatsa, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, former Minister C.H. Vijayshankar, BJP City President L. Nagendra, BJP District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, and others were present.

Campaign reaches feverish pitch

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Regardless of whether the bus travels the full distance, a fixed fee of Rs. 16,500 to the KSRTC is mandatory, along with an advance deposit of 20 percent of this amount, said KSRTC Mysuru Divisional Controller G. Srinivas. This upfront payment, totalling around Rs. 19,000 per day, must be made before hiring the bus.

Lack of demand for KSRTC

Despite having an abundance of buses available, there are no takers for KSRTC buses, even though the Corporation is willing to offer up to 100 or 200 buses if needed. This lack of demand is attributed to the enforcement of the Election Model Code of Conduct, which requires political parties to furnish a letter of permission from the Election Commission before utilising such services, Srinivas added.

Moreover, the KSRTC strictly prohibits cash transactions and only allows account transfers to ensure transparency. In cases where buses are required for rallies in a particular place, the billing is directed to the respective candidate in whose favour the rally is organised.

The Election Commission has fixed a spending limit of Rs. 95 lakh per candidate and any accounted-for expenses incurred in hiring KSRTC buses will be billed to the respective candidate. However, this regulation does not apply if a political party opts to hire private buses. This exemption has led to a preference for private buses over KSRTC buses.

Furthermore, solely relying on KSRTC buses would significantly inflate a party's expenditure beyond the Election Commission's prescribed limit.

Two to three rallies a week

Vajregowda, the owner of Mahadeshwara Motors in Mysuru, operates a fleet of 30 buses, with 20 servicing regular routes and 10 designated for tourism and rental purposes. He points out that private buses offer a more cost-effective option compared to KSRTC buses, with competitive rates and no regulatory constraints.

"Our fleet of 15 to 20 buses has been extensively utilised in rallies organised by BJP-JD(S) and Congress in Mysuru and Mandya. Notably, rallies featuring prominent figures such as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, CM Siddaramaiah and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi have seen our buses in operation," he said.

Furthermore, events like the nomination filings of Mysuru-Kodagu BJP candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Congress candidate M. Lakshmana witnessed the use of numerous private buses. Additionally, Siddaramaiah conducted rallies in Hunsur, Periyapatna, and Madikeri with several private buses deployed to facilitate transportation. Private buses are ferrying people to at least two to three massive rallies per week. They typically charge anywhere between Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 8,000 for shorter distances and Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000 for longer distances per bus.

"There is a higher demand for tempo travellers and 21-seater vehicles compared to 50-seater buses due to their quicker filling and faster transportation to rally venues," he added.

Janardhan Prabhu, owner of SGRMS Travels in Kushalnagar, owns five tourist buses in addition to a couple of regular route buses. In Kodagu, more than 30 tourist buses are enlisted to transport people to rallies, he said.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, C. Shashirekhamani aged about 64 years, W/o. C.V. Subramanya Raje Urs, residing at No.2265, Basaveshwara road, 6th cross, K.R. Mohalla, Mysore have changed my name as **Rekha Urs** vide affidavit sworn before Notary AP Sreekanta Raje Urs, Mysore on 20.4.2024.

Sd/- Rekha Urs

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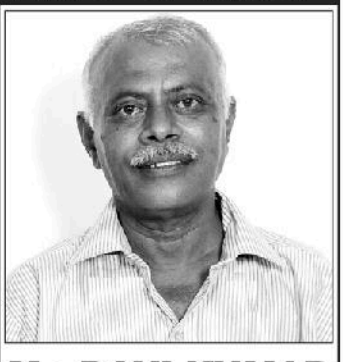


Mr. RAVI KUMAR

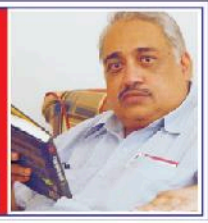
28th August 1956 - 20th April 2024

Attained heavenly abode on 20th April 2024.

Cremation held today 21st April 2024 at 4pm at Catholic Cemetery, Gandhinagar

Sorrowful Wife, Children, Sons-in-law, Daughter-in-law, Sister, Relatives and Friends

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The Great Indian Election Exercise!

Our general elections, undoubtedly the greatest political event, that we see every five years in our country, or maybe even across the world and which are supposed to keep our robust democracy alive and kicking, are underway. And, conducting them well enough, so that they meet the expectations of every one of us, is no mean feat, which is somehow accomplished by all those who are entrusted with this enormous task.

What is noteworthy and worth appreciating is the fact that, except for the dismally very few Babus who occupy the uppermost echelons of power in the administration, the gigantic field force that actually pulls off this great magic act on the battleground, is largely made up of very ordinary workers, hailing from almost all cadres, of all government departments, who are never hired or trained for this specific purpose.

Except for the very hurried and perfunctory familiarising that they are made to undergo over a couple of days, just a few days before the electoral wave takes over the country, not unlike a giant Tsunami, they have no special training to do what they manage to do, so admirably well.

A few things never fail to impress or amuse me about our elections and how the field force copes with what is expected of them. What impresses me most is how patiently the members, of the small teams of election-duty workers, invariably endure great hardship, especially when they are posted to the remote and desolate rural reaches of our country, where no facilities exist to keep them at ease, let alone comfortable, at the places where they have to camp.

Stories abound of how the locals, compelled by their inherent compassion and appalled by the plight of their guests, try hard to make their task a little less painful. But there is a limit to the hospitality that they can extend or the kindness their guests can accept, because it is mandatory according to the election rule-book, for all workers on poll duty to stay glued to their stations round-the-clock, come rain or shine. **They just cannot take their jobs lightly, if we have to reap the fruits of our rights, in the right measure!**

And, what amuses me more than a little about our electoral exercise, is the drama these humble workers are sometimes forced to enact, while they are tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that the loads of cash, liquor and other goodies that are 'reputed' to play a pivotal role in deciding to a great extent, who is going to rule us for the next five years. **I have put the word 'reputed' in inverted commas because, technically speaking, this accusation, however strong, is only hearsay. It is neither proved nor unproved and to believe it, or not to believe it, is left to us.**

And, what I believe can be different from what you believe, which depends on which side of the fence we stand on! But I feel that this whole rather comic exercise of proving or disproving the existence of this so-called electoral malpractice is only a pain inflicted on the staff on duty, deputed on our roads, by day and by night.

Very often, the rather very low limit of just fifty thousand rupees that a person is allowed to carry during election time, is very unfair and inconvenient. It puts travellers, tourists and families who have to hold weddings and other functions, at a great disadvantage. Not all payments can be made easily over online portals. And, nothing can have the reassurance of ready cash which can tide over any glitches in online transactions, which are all too common, despite the great advancements we have today. **That is why I never do anything, like eating or staying at a hotel, where I may not be able to settle the bill digitally, without carrying on my person the cash necessary to make the payment. It is my reserve strategy to avoid inconvenience and embarrassment and it makes sound sense to me, irrespective of what others may say.**

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been travelling, both in and out of our State, a little more than what I normally do and my car has been subjected to dozens of stop and search exercises, the nature of which has only amused me. After being questioned, by Police personnel and election duty staff about where I have been travelling from and where I have been travelling to, I have been asked if I am in possession of more than the permissible limits of cash and gold, of both solid and liquid variety, to which I have always replied in the negative. This is, as if I would have replied in the positive if I had actually been an offender, which made me laugh every time I had to answer this query!

On a good many occasions I was asked very politely of course, to open the boot of my car and my suitcases and bags were prodded with a baton, as if it was magic wand that could sense whether what they contained was legal or illegal. On a few occasions my wife was asked, in a perceptibly much politer tone, to show the contents of her handbag which always comes out clean. This is because ever since the elections were announced, she had ensured that it is of a size insufficient to carry more than forty-nine thousand rupees!

But last week, late at night, when a lady election duty officer at a check-post on the State border, asked her to show the contents of her tiny wallet too, I turned to the armed Policeman deputed to protect her and asked him how his companion was hoping to find enough cash or gold in it, that could influence a voter to decide which button to press on polling day?

Without batting an eyelid and with the nicest smile I have ever seen on a Cop's face, he told me that the lady was free to do her mathematics and he was there only to ensure that she could do it in complete safety, in the middle of the dark night! Unwilling to be made to look inexperienced, the poor lady in turn, sheepishly told me that she and her team had to satisfy the requirements of what they had been deputed to do, with every one of their actions being recorded by the overhead video camera.

Once I was driving on the outskirts of the city on a dark, mid-summer night, when my car was stopped at an election check-post. When the boot was opened as expected, the Policemen and poll duty officers screamed in delight and asked me to step out of the driving seat and hand over the car keys to them.

Puzzled, I complied without a protest and discovered to my horror that the boot of my car held two large cardboard crates labelled **Director's Special.** They called the videographer who was dozing in the makeshift check-post and asked him to record the whole incident, which he started doing instantly, with great enthusiasm.

As I was protesting into the dazzling video lights that I was only a helpless victim of a well-planned conspiracy, my shock and anxiety turned to extreme relief and elation. That was because the Cops had now opened the crates and extracted what they expected to be liquor bottles, only to find that their prized catch turned out to be innocent bottles of packaged drinking water, under a famous surrogate name!

As realisation dawned on me and the mystery gradually unfolded, it was now time for me to have the last laugh. My son Adnan and his friends had organised a music concert the previous night and they had kept the leftover water bottles from the event, in my car which they had been using to run errands for it. I thanked my stars while the sleepy-eyed videographer cursed his fate and the Cops for disturbing his sleep over what turned out to be only much ado about nothing and a Midsummer Night's Dream, completely gone wrong! That was when my heart melted. I handed over the entire cache to the disappointed Cops and told them that it was my gift to them to quench their thirst the next day, upon which every one of them shook hands with me and thanked me for my kindness.

But that was not all. In the typical suspicious trait of all those who wear khaki, one of them who continued to hold my hand, asked me whether it was not a deliberate prank I had played, to make a fool of them? I do not know how convinced he was, when I reassured him that I was too kind-hearted a soul to do something so unkind. **Well, Policemen can only be Policemen, instinctively suspicious and that's what makes them good, at what they are supposed to do!**

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'My supporters are canvassing for NDA candidate in Mandya'

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&DM)- With speculations doing the rounds that Mandya independent MP Sumalatha Ambarish, who joined the BJP recently, has remained neutral with the Mandya seat going to JD(S) as per seat sharing agreement between BJP and JD(S), the MP said that her supporters are campaigning for the NDA candidate in Mandya.

Sumalatha

Addressing a press meet at the BJP office in Chamarajapuram here yesterday, Sumalatha clarified that her supporters have not remained neutral and are instead campaigning for the NDA candidate in Mandya.

Stating that she joined BJP out of her own will, she said that she was willing to campaign wherever the BJP High Command asks her to do so. Maintaining that she joined BJP as she was very much impressed with the works of PM Modi, she said she left her Constituency for the sake of BJP-JD(S) coalition as part of NDA in the State.

Pointing out that coalition candidate H.D. Kumaraswamy had come to her residence in Bengaluru early this month seeking her support and to forget whatever has happened in the past, the MP said that she had responded positively and accordingly, her supporters are campaigning for the Mandya NDA candidate.

Replying to a question on actor Darshan's campaign for Mandya Congress candidate Venkataramanegowda (Star Chandru), she said that it was Darshan's personal decision and she has nothing to do with it.

"Darshan had voluntarily campaigned for me in Mandya during the 2019 LS polls when I had contested as an independent candidate. But now, I cannot direct Darshan to campaign for a particular candidate as he is competent to take his own decision. It can be recalled that Darshan had campaigned for both BJP and Congress candidates in Mandya in the last Assembly elections. It is left to him for whom to campaign," she said.

Referring to the murder of student Neha Hiremath in Hubballi, she took strong exception to some photos of the late student going viral in social media, which is purportedly aimed at character assassination of the deceased girl. Asserting that drawing religion to the incident is wrong, she demanded stern punishment for the accused.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra and other party leaders were present.

Ex-MLA M.K.Somashekar campaigns

for Congress candidate in KR Constituency

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (DM)- Former KR MLA M.K. Somashekar campaigned for Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency candidate M. Lakshmana in several areas as coming under KR Assembly segment in the city on Saturday.

Somashekar, accompanied by a host of Congress leaders, campaigned in Ward 60, Silk factory area, Nellur Shed, Rajiv Gandhi Colony, Arundhati Colony, Buddhanagar etc., and sought votes for Lakshmana.

Highlighting the achievements of the Siddaramaiah Government and implementation of the 5 guarantees, he appealed the voters to vote for Lakshmana to strengthen the hands of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and for the Congress to return to power at the Centre.

Former Mayor Narayan, Congress leaders Sridhar, Pallavi Begum, Shivanna, R.H. Kumar, R. Dasu, Artist Nagaraju, Narasimha, Hanumaiah, Srinivas, Manju, Nagarathna and others were present.

Neha Murder Case

ABVP demands stringent action against perpetrator

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (GA&VNS)- Members of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) held a protest demanding stringent action against the perpetrator in the Neha murder case, at Gun House Circle in city, yesterday.

AVBP members holding banners shouted slogans demanding action against Fayaz, who allegedly stabbed Neha inside the BVV College premises in Hubballi and added such incidents had created a sense of fear among the girl students.

Questioning the Law and Order situation, the protesters said that it was important for the people to analyse the conditions prevailing in the State with a person having temerity to commit a heinous crime in the broad daylight.

The protesters, who demanded justice for Neha, urged the Police Department to depute personnel near the college to keep a vigil on anti-social elements and to prevent untoward incidents. "The State Government must analyse about the growing crimes rate in the State and initiate measures to control the Law and Order situation," they said and added such incidents occur only when people have not fear towards the Law of the land. The students, who took part in the protest, also demanded for an CBI investigation into Neha murder case.

ABVP Convenor M Shivu, District Convenor Prajwal, City Secretary Aishwarya and members Triveni, Yashaswini, Deepika, Pooja, Namratha, Preetham, Adarsh, Abhijna and students of various colleges took part in the protest.

Vedike condoles Neha's death

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (VNS)- Members of Pragnavantha Nagarika Vedike condoled the brutal murder of Neha by chanting 'Shanthi Mantra' during a programme held at the vedike office located on Vishuvardhan Road in Lakshmipuram, here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Zilla Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, termed the incident as a shameful act and demanded death penalty for Fayaz, the accused.

"Incidents of women being subjected to such incidents has been increasing in the country. It is important Government comes out with more stringent Laws to prevent such incidents," he added. BJP leader Rakesh Bhat, who also spoke, urged the parents to be vigilant as incidents of 'Love Jihad' where Hindu girls were being targeted was prevailing in the country. Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director Girish, R. Paramesh, Ajay Shastry, Apoorva Suresh, Sandesh, Byrathi Lingaraju, Srinivas, Durga Prasad were present.

Heart-wrenching moments after tiger attack at Bandipur

Mother elephant's grief brings weekend traffic to a standstill for more than two hours

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&BCT)- In a poignant incident at Bandipur Tiger Reserve, a tiger's assault on an elephant calf triggered a traffic standstill lasting more than two hours, as the mother elephant adamantly refused to abandon her deceased offspring and obstructed the roadway.

The event unfolded yesterday along the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border, as a prowling tiger pounced on a three-month-old male elephant calf while its mother was foraging along the Mysuru-Ooty Road, which traverses Bandipur.

Despite the mother elephant's brave efforts to shield her calf, the tiger's ferocious attack inflicted severe injuries upon the young elephant.

The big cat's assault left the calf grievously wounded and was bleeding from the wounds and died. However, the distressed mother steadfastly stood her ground on the road, safeguarding her offspring from further harm and inadvertently causing a disruption in vehicular traffic.

Numerous onlookers, deeply moved by the calf's suffering, alighted from their vehicles and congregated to witness the heart-rending spectacle. Despite the mother elephant's repeated attempts to rouse the motionless calf by nudging it with her hind legs, the calf remained still, while the tiger lurked in the nearby foliage, awaiting an opportunity for the mother elephant to leave and enable it to feast on its prey.

As some vehicles attempted to proceed by the side, the mother elephant grew increasingly agitated, making aggressive gestures by forcefully nodding her head and trumpeting. Yesterday being a Saturday, the road was bustling with vehicles transporting weekend travellers.

Recognising the imminent danger and potential chaos, forest officials promptly intervened to avert further chaos. The heart-wrenching scene of the mourning mother elephant, confronting the vehicles with her lifeless calf, cast a solemn pall over the busy roadway.

Forest officials initiated a mission to guide the distressed elephant away from the thoroughfare and towards the safety of the forest. Employing earthmoving equipment, they successfully guided the grieving elephant into the woods.

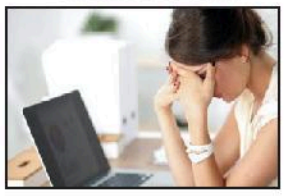
Despite their attempts to dissuade her with the machinery, she persisted in charging towards them, driven by maternal instinct and anguish.

After considerable effort and perseverance, the forest officials successfully guided the mother elephant into the forest, away from the main road. Using an earthmover, they lifted the calf's carcass and transported it into the forest, where the mother elephant was last observed.

Gradually, traffic movement resumed along the road. Nevertheless, the tragic event deeply affected travellers, particularly those who bore witness to the mother elephant's anguished cries for her lost calf. Clearing the resulting traffic jam took some time as the vehicles crossed the place from both sides. Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director Prabhakar, ACF Naveen Kumar, and DRFO Deepa led the clearing task.

WORD OF THE DAY

Underwhelm



Pronunciation: un-der-WELM (Verb)
Meaning: To underwhelm someone is to fail to impress or excite them.
Origin: Overwhelm and its rare synonym whelm have both been around since the Middle Ages, but underwhelm is a 20th-century coinage. Both overwhelm and whelm come from the Middle English whelmen, meaning "to turn over" or "to cover up." Underwhelm is a playful overturning of overwhelm that is well suited for contexts in which something fails to excite. As is often the case with younger words, there is a certain amount of misinformation regarding where underwhelm came from. We have seen reports that the playwright George S. Kaufman coined it, and also that the famed sportswriter Red Smith claimed to have used it first. Neither of these is likely to be accurate, for the simple fact that there is evidence that underwhelming was used, albeit as an adjective, before either of these men was born.
Example: "Wake me up when NBA All-Star Weekend ends. Let's start with the Dunk Contest, which is supposed to be the most exciting event. It wasn't. Most of the dunks, and the judging of said dunks, underwhelmed." —Zachary Pereles, CBS Sports, 19 Feb. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Finifugal

Afraid of finishing anything.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Gray area

Meaning: 'Gray area' refers to something that is unclear or undefined.
Origin: Scholars are uncertain of the exact origin of the phrase 'Gray area.' What is known is that the term 'gray,' describing the colour gray, originates from the Old English 'græg' and was first used sometime around the 12th century. The word 'area,' denoting a space, comes from the Latin 'area' and was not used until the 1530s. The generic sense of the word 'area' as something undefined or unspecific didn't come into being until about 1845, so it is probable that the phrase 'Gray area' was coined sometime after that.
Example: "The issue of allowing mobile phones in the classroom is a gray area right now - it could go either way."

QUOTE BOX

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.

—Robin Williams

RIDDLE THIS

I am always hungry and will die if not fed, but whatever I touch will soon turn red. What am I?

Answer: Fire.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Frog-like creature
5 "E" of QED
9 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
12 Competent
13 Ceremony
14 Confer knighthood
15 Make a distinction
18 All __ ___ : confused ? (2,3)
19 He is a titled person
20 R. E. Lee's side
22 Upward or overhead
26 Went in
30 Son of Seth
31 Bustle or to-do
32 Extremely angry
34 Dove-call
35 Capital of Ukraine
37 Charged with gas
39 The book of maps
41 Spanish queen
42 Go by
45 Slight quarrels
49 Rising early (2,4,3,4)
53 A Hawaiian rice dish
54 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
55 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
56 To pose a problem, perhaps
57 Catches, obtains, seizes
58 Judge

DOWN
1 POTA predecessor
2 Death column, in short
3 Belonging to Alfred, in short?
4 Imperfection
5 To be wrong
6 Monetary unit of Cambodia
7 __ __ cost : free? (2,2)
8 Four as a prefix
9 Nabokov novel
10 An expression of impatience
11 Brit. award
16 Artist's support
17 Inactive
21 Opera part
23 All at __ : without warning; not one by one?
24 Sustenance
25 Tech. Std. Order
26 Revise copy
27 Theatrical Coward
28 First Woman
29 Dreadful, terrible
31 Also know as, in short?
33 Italian poet 1265-1321
36 Industrially developed Gujarat city
38 Shadowed
40 Old Nick
43 Branch of Islam
44 Knife thrust
46 This is paid to travel on a bus or train
47 Unrestricted
48 ____ over : glance at or look through?
49 Bull periods
50 Author of The Raven
51 Clever humour
52 Owns

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

C	C	C	P	■	H	A	K	A	■	S	E	A
A	C	H	E	■	O	M	I	T	■	K	I	M
S	C	A	T	■	C	O	N	S	P	I	R	E
■	■	T	A	L	K	■	■	E	I	D	E	R
T	I	T	L	E	■	C	P	A	S	■	■	■
A	D	I	■	A	F	A	R	■	A	M	L	A
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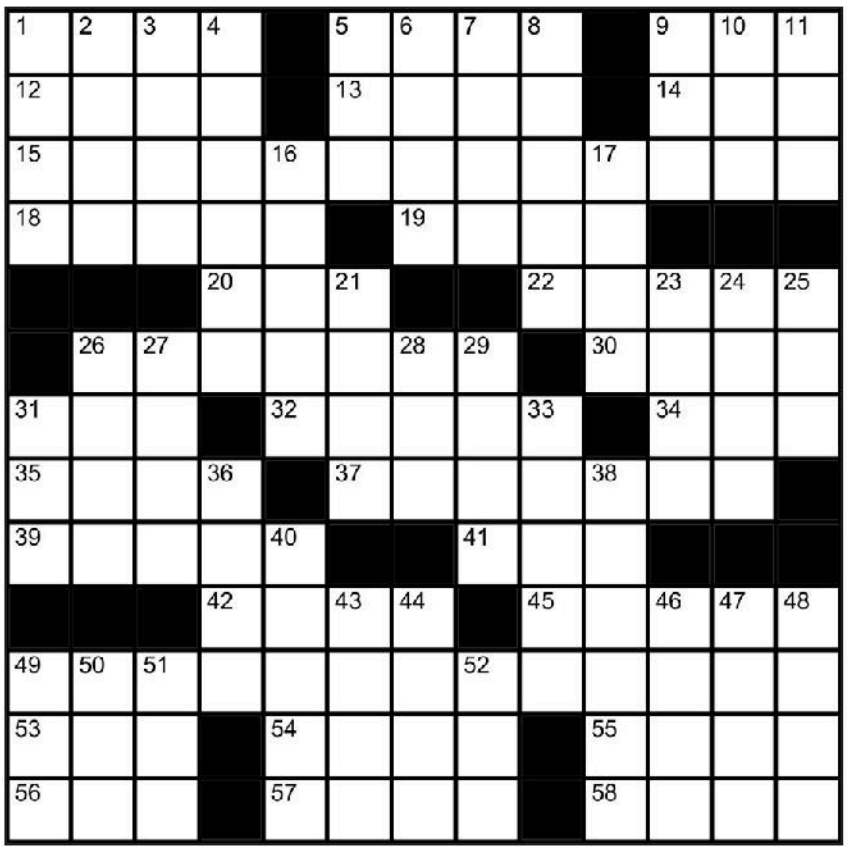

SUDOKU

2						7	5	
		8		3				
			4		7			
		5					6	8
1			5		9			7
7	4					2		
			9		2			
				5		6		
	6	7						3

Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	3	6	5	7	9	1	4
6	5	1	3	9	4	7	8	2
9	7	4	1	2	8	3	5	6
5	2	8	4	7	6	1	3	9
1	4	7	5	3	9	6	2	8
3	9	6	8	1	2	4	7	5
4	6	5	7	8	3	2	9	1
8	3	2	9	6	1	5	4	7
7	1	9	2	4	5	8	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XA XC RB XNFBXL ERDXA FS EWIRB DVXBYC AF

NWB SRCAVN ZEVB ZV ERQV MFCA FWN ZRT.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS W

Friday's Cryptoquip: Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1) 11.40 am
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1) 1.45 pm
Dasavarenya Sri Vijayadasaru (K)	(S-1) 4.10 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	(S-1) 7 pm, 10.05 pm
Jai Ganesh (Ma)	(S-2) 10.50 am, 10.10 pm
O2 (K)	(S-2) 1.20 pm
Maidaan (H)	(S-2) 1.20 pm
Varshangalkku Shesham (Ma)	(S-2) 7 pm
Avatara Purusha 2 (K)	(S-3) 10.45 am
Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (H-2D)	(S-3) 1.10 pm
Yuva (K)	(S-3) 4.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.05 pm
Do Aur Do Pyaar (H)	(S-4) 10.55 am, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-4) 1.45 pm

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Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	: 1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Yuva (K)	: 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Maidaan (H)	: 4 pm, 7.30 pm
Naalkane Aayama (K)	: 7.05 pm

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Civil War (E-2D)	: 11.30 am, 2 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (H)	: 11.35 am, 6.45 pm
Do Aur Do Pyaar (H)	: 12.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 10pm
The Legacy of Jineshwar (H)	: 12.55 pm
Crew (H)	: 1.25 pm, 9.10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	: 1.40 pm, 7.35 pm
Maidaan (H)	: 3 pm, 10.10 pm
Naalkane Aayama (K)	: 4.10 pm
Varshangalkku Shesham (Ma)	: 6.05 pm
O2 (K)	: 6.40 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	: 9.30 pm

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Maidaan (H)	: 11.25 am, 6.35 pm
Yuva (K)	: 11.50 am, 5.45 pm, 8.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	: 2.34 pm
Rathna (K)	: 3 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	: 3.05 pm, 9 pm
Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (H)	: 3.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Naalkane Aayama (K)	: 6 pm
Jai Ganesh (Ma)	: 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 21)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Vidyaranyapuram:** 71st annual Sri Ramothsava, violin recital by Vid. Vedajna Narasimha, Singapore, accompanied by Radhesh Ananthachar on mridanga, Vid. Tumkur Sri Vidyashankar on ghata and Vid. Sumadoor Aanooru on kanjira, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

Vedajna Narasimha

- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 108th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal recital by Vidu. M.R. Sudha, accompanied by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam on violin, Vid. Arjun Ganesh on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastry Road, **6.30 pm.**

M.R. Sudha

- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Mahamayi,' written by Dr. Chandrashekara Kambar and directed by Natana School of Theatre Arts Principal Megha Sameer, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Vriksha Raja,' directed by Heisnam Tomba, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024 of Sri Krodhinama Samvatsara, Classical Music by Chilkunda Sisters (Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj & Vidu. Indu Nagaraj), accompanied by Vid. Janardhan Srinath on violin, Vid. Adamya on mridanga and Vid. Shamit Gowda on ghata, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Chilkunda Sisters

- **Sri Mahaveer Seva Samsthan, Mysuru:** 1008 Bhagavan Sri Mahaveer Theerthankara's Jayanti Mahotsav, conferring of 'Sri Mahaveer Ahimsa Award' on Hemamalini Jayaram (autism expert), Sri Siddhantakeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji of Sri Kshetra Aratipura, graces the occasion, Sri Digambara Jain Samaj President M.R. Sunil Kumar presides, Sri M.L. Vardhamanaiah Smaraka Bhavana, Chandragupta Road, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 22)

- **Sri Rama Temple, Palace Fort, North Gate:** Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Hanumantotsava and Sri Rama Sita Shayanotsava, Purnahuti, Mahamangalarati, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **8.30 am onwards.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** Valedictory of drawing/ painting camp, Karnataka Lalitha Academy Member K.C. Mahadevashetty inaugurates the children's painting expo, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar presides, senior artist S.M. Jambukeshwara will be present, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Vidyaranyapuram:** 71st annual Sri Ramothsava, devotional songs by Vidu. Shruthi Narasimha Bode, Yellapura, accompanied by Vid. Sathish Bhat Heggar on harmonium and Vid. Vijeth Heggade on tabla, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 108th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal recital by Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, accompanied by Vid. Mysore Karthik Nagaraj on violin, Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan on mridanga and Vid. Suresh Vaidyanathan on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastry Road, **6.30 pm.**

Vid. Abhishek Raghuram

- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024 of Sri Krodhinama Samvatsara, classical music by Vid. Saketharaman, accompanied by Vid. Nishanth Chandar on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Vid. Saketharaman

- **NaMo Brigade:** NaMo Bharat programme, noted orator Chakravarty Sulibele main speaker, Rangamandira, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 97431-53156 or 99025-95318]

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	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Yuva (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.10 am
	(S-4)	6.35 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	9.20 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 10.00 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Varshangalkku Shesham (Ma)	(S-4)	3.10 pm
Parijatha Parvam (Te)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
O2 (K)	(S-1)	7.30 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm

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Naalkane Aayama (K)	: 1.55 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	: 2.55 pm, 6 pm, 10.20 pm
O2 (K)	: 3.30 pm
Rathna (K)	: 4.25 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	: 7.25 pm, 10 pm
Jai Ganesh (Ma)	: 9.20 pm

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